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NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate yesterday confirmed the nominations of a number of Internal Revenue Collectors and officers of the Mint Bureau, the Secretary of the Treasury having answered all of the inquiries that have been addressed to him by the Senate Committee on Finance with respect to the suspension of their predecessors in office. The reasons given for the suspensions in each case are the same, and are that the President believed a change in the officers referred to was essential to the interests of the service. This releases about eighty nominations that have been hung up, and includes collectors in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and Kentucky.

THE PAYNE INVESTIGATION.

The investigation of the circumstances connected with the election of Henry B. Payne to the United States Senate is nearing an end. The men who investigated it, says the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, are preparing the way for a confession of failure.

The provocation of this investigation was the specific charge made by Jim Donavin that certain Senators and Representatives received certain sums of money named for voting for Mr. Payne in the caucus. We were given to understand that remarkable revelations were going to be made.

The committee has been diligently at work for nearly two months, junketing about the State, prying into the private affairs of various people and making all sorts of impertinent inquiries. It has thrown out a drag net for all the liars and slanderers, all the scoundrels and disappointed politicians in the State, and has hunted down every rascal or bit of barroom gossip that it could hear of. And now, when all is done, the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*, that has been shrieking "hoax" every day and proclaiming that Senator Payne would be driven out of the Senate, remarks of the probable result:

The Payne investigation is coming to a close, so far as Ohio is concerned. The facts seem to be that there has not been found the absolute proof of the guilt of the four members of the present House who took part in the election of Mr. Payne.

What, then, is it that the committee is expected to report? What, then, is to be the outcome of this costly investigation?

Simply what was intended should come out of it when it was started. The mass of hearsay evidence, the tales of newspaper correspondents hired to misrepresent, malicious innuendoes of hot-headed partisans, of disappointed rival candidates, and this little-tattle of hotel lobbies and bar-rooms must be made use of in the Republican newspapers as a Republican campaign ammunition in this and other States. And the United States Senate will be asked to assist in this promulgation of calumny by ordering a further investigation upon the wretched stuff accumulated by the Ohio Republican Committee.

Character is to be aspersed, reputations assailed by nameless slanderers, the fair fame of honorable men dragged in the mud by malignant partisans, in order that the Republican party of Ohio may divert attention from its own venality and its paucity of real issues.

This is the confessed purpose of the Payne investigation. This is Republicanism in Ohio.

HEMP OR ELECTRICITY.

A dispatch from Buffalo, N. Y., states that State Senator McMillan of that district has introduced in the Legislature a bill which provides for the appointment of a commission to investigate and report the most humane method of inflicting capital punishment. The bill is of importance to all who look upon hanging as a relic of barbarism and are interested in having the method of capital punishment changed. Science is so far advanced that other and better means than hanging can easily be devised. It is proposed to execute criminals by means of electricity, by which death would be instantaneous. The method which is proposed is very simple. The idea is to use an ordinary chair. In this chair a wire could be run from the electric light works to the jail. The man would sit in the chair, with his head resting against its back. The wire entering an insulated substance, such as rubber or glass, would constitute the positive pole. By placing the man's feet upon a metallic plate a connection would be formed with the poles. At a signal a switch in another room could be turned. The current would enter the base of the brain, the centre of the nervous system, and pass through the man. The heart would stop beating, and a complete paralysis would ensue.

The Chicago *Herald* thinks that Senator McMillan will have some difficulty in securing the passage of his bill providing for the change. It says: "The rope has become a fixture whenever capital punishment is inflicted among English-speaking people, and it is likely to remain so. Properly used, it does not inflict a painful death, but it does produce an ignominious one. That is the reason why it is used. No method of death that is not positively barbarous is more abhorred by the average human being than that of hanging. Since the penalty is imposed for the deterring influence which it will have on others, it is proper that it should be as repellent as possible. So far as the culprit himself is concerned, it makes no difference to society how he dies. The aim as to him is to exterminate him, and whether it is done with the rope, the ax, the electric button or the lunatic mat-

ters little. But it is important that his death in its influence on others shall be as disgraceful as possible, and hanging by the neck seems to fill the bill.

THE BORDER INDIANS.

The Mexican troops in Sonora have their hands full at the present time, fighting Apaches and getting in readiness to undertake a campaign against the Yaquis. The latter Indians, says the *San Francisco Post*, have excited the envy of their Mexican neighbors for many years. They own their own lands, which they cultivate industriously; they have fortified towns, and they have reached a tolerable pitch of civilization. They have repelled their invaders, not in Apache fashion, by sneaking into the recesses of the mountains and tiring out pursuit, but by defeating them in fair fights. Their enemies always know where to find them, and heretofore the nominally civilized people of Sonora have found them as the Turks found the Montenegrins, too tough a morsel to manage. Now, it is said, a campaign has been undertaken that cannot fail to succeed. The Yaquis are to be subdued and robbed of their lands, and the people of Sonora are no longer to be tormented by the sight of something they are unable to steal. It may be so, but our sympathies go with the Indians.

The case of the Apaches is totally different. There is absolutely no discoverable reason for their existence. They will neither work nor fight, but pursue robbery for a living and assassination for amusement. If the Mexican soldiers who are persecuting the Yaquis would leave that disreputable business and help to corner the Apaches, they would be making themselves useful. They are the best ones to deal with such cases. It seems to be useless for our troops to capture the hostiles, for our authorities are too tender-hearted to make a capture of any value. Our Government has a reluctance to create good Indians that prevents our campaigns from accomplishing any useful results.

ALASKA GOLD.

A correspondent of the *Marquette Mining Journal* writes glowing reports about the prospects of Alaska as a gold field. He states that the mill on Douglas Island is running to its full capacity, and is turning out bullion at the rate of \$100,000 a month, not counting the concentrates, which are rapidly accumulating for the want of sufficient roasters in the chlorination works. The capacity of the mine must not, however, be judged even by the value of both the bullion and concentrates now turned out; it is large enough to supply rock for half a dozen such mills, and the foundation for a second mill of the same size as the one now in operation is already laying. It is estimated that there are at least twenty million tons of quartz above the tunnel level. Concerning the Silver Bay (Fuller) claims, there is nothing new. In the Silver Bay District there are some very rich mines, and all that has been lacking until now has been a reasonable amount of capital to be honestly and judiciously applied in their development. The success of the Douglas Island venture will, it is thought, assure the erection of more stamp mills in Alaska during the next five years than were ever in operation in California and Nevada at one time.

It Used to Be So.

Editor, Democrat: Can a book be copyrighted in one of the District Courts of Utah? If so, how shall I proceed to have it copyrighted?

Yours truly,
Geo. A. Hines.

Cedar, Utah, March 20, 1890.

[No books cannot be copyrighted in the District Courts. Send to Mann & Co., 201 Broadway, New York, for circular containing all the information you need.—Ed. Democrat.]

Irrepressible.

From the *Chicago Times*.
The *Cologne Gazette* predicts that the Morians will yet outgrow the control of our Government inquirers, and considers the latter-day Saints cranks whom a troupe of good comedians could have laughed out of existence, but "whose crotchets the present Hudibras crusade will infallibly fan into a fierce enthusiasm." The crusaders of all medieval Europe were unable to crush 15,000 Waldenses. Five years ago our census admitted the existence of 110,000 Morians; 125,000 would at present be probably an underestimate.

Padlock's Laundry Bills.

The laundry bills of the Utah Commission, amounting to \$24.28 in 1883, \$107.25 in 1884, and \$35.50 in 1885, are disallowed on personal expenses and chargeable to the government.

LOGAN'S ARMY BILL.

Lively Debate in the Senate—Not Wanted for a Show or a "Circus."

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Fair talk before the Senate the memorial of an anti-Chinese convention, held at Sacramento, California, praying some relief from the Chinese evil.

After the routine morning business, Logan's army bill was placed before the Senate. Logan sent to the desk and had read a letter from General Sheridan favoring the proposed increase. Mr. Logan favored it.

Mr. Plumb opposed it. He thought it singular that while we are so thoroughly at peace a measure of this kind should be introduced. He had been sorry to hear the suggestion that an increased army was necessary to put down local troubles among our own people. It would not do to instill into people's minds this lesson of force as a remedy for such troubles. The present proposition was one calculated to develop more frills, furbelows, shoulder-straps and decorations.

Mr. Dawes favored the bill. Confined through an army was not the control desired. Self-control, Dawes said, was the characteristic of our people and would see them through all their differences.

Mr. Teller saw no cause for an increase. Violence in a State should be put down by the people of the State. It was not desirable to resort to a standing army for police purposes, and the people did not intend that local disturbances should be put down by National troops.

Logan defended his position on the bill as to one of the arguments advanced by

the Senator from Kansas (Plumb) that because the laborers were poorly paid, the soldiers should not be better paid than at present. Logan thought that a very poor argument. It was very singular that most of the wealthy bankers who were rich enough to be hardly able to count their money, were always found to be the friends of the workmen. [Laughter in the gallery.] This was all right for a rich man to do, but when anything was said for the workmen by those who had the actual experience of the workmen, that was altogether improper. It was an unwarrantable assumption for any Senator to intimate that this bill was now introduced with a view to any impending difficulty between labor and capital. Why this insinuation that there was a desire to use the army against the people? It seemed to some men that any statement that would incite another war was a sweet morsel. It was an unfounded and unworthy insinuation. Referring to the suggestion that the increase of the army was wanted for show—"for a circus"—Mr. Logan replied: "The people did not want any 'show' about it. They had 'show and circus' enough in the Senate. [Laughter.] And while the Senatorial circus was on, he did not know any more active performers than the Senators who were opposed to this bill. [Renewed laughter.] In conclusion, Logan said Republicanism was becoming a power the world over, and the United States should be prepared to say to the first European power that attempts a foothold in America, 'Lay on, Macduff, and damned be he who first cries hold, enough.' [Applause in the galleries.] After an executive session the Senate adjourned.

Sir Andrew Clarke, the celebrated English physician, at an inaugural meeting of a course of lectures in London, defined health as "that state in which the body is not consciously present to us, the state in which work is easy and duty not over a great trial, the state in which it is a joy to see, to think, to feel and to be." Such a condition of health, Sir Andrew thinks, is not common among men, and, judged by this rule, he declared that one-half the population of London is permanently ill.

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